

These minutes have were approved by the Board on 7.14.2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
April 14, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Jill Colegrove, Secretary, at 9:05 a.m., in the Lower Level B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 04.06.2022.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (5):

Lori Cleveland, Chair (in room)
Mary Sneckenberg, Member (on phone)
Terry Duffy, Member (in room)
Brian Bierschenk, Member (on phone)
Jill Colegrove, Secretary (on phone)

Members Absent (4):

Christine Chasek, Member
Victor Gehrig, Vice Chair
Natasha Robinson, Member
Amy Eigenberg, Chair

Staff and Others Present (3):

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (on phone)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Sneckenberg moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Sneckenberg, Duffy, Bierschenk, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Bierschenk moved, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the minutes of 01.13.2022, with corrections to board members that made the motion and seconded the motion relating to the application for Kathy Carr (Gehrig moved, seconded by Duffy). A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Sneckenberg, Duffy, Bierschenk, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Sneckenberg, to enter into closed session at 9:10 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Colegrove repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Sneckenberg, Duffy, Bierschenk, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

9:16 a.m. Duffy exited the room due to a conflict of interest
9:23 a.m. Duffy entered the room
10:32 a.m. After Board Member agreement, Colegrove stated the meeting is now in open session

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

Reginald Bollinger - PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Colegrove, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Colegrove (4). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Duffy (1) Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

Rosemary Fitzgerald-Shuster - PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Conviction History, Substance use history, and pending criminal charges. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

Kushana Hutchinson - PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Duffy, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Colegrove (4). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

Shane Reilly - PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

Alann Austin – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Cleveland, to recommend a 2-year probationary license with the following terms/conditions: Abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, Random body fluid screens, Report prescribed medications, Follow recommendations of assessment and any future recommendations, Quarterly employer reports, and Standard terms and conditions of probation. Basis for recommendation: Convictions and Diagnosis. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Colegrove (4). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

Michael Rolland – LADC Reinstatement (early release from probation)

MOTION: Cleveland moved, seconded by Duffy, to deny the reinstatement application for early release from probation. Basis for recommendation: Insufficient evidence to indicate that the original disciplinary action was not appropriate to ensure public safety. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Cleveland, Duffy, Sneckenberg, Bierschenk, Colegrove (5). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0) Absent: Chasek, Gehrig, Robinson, Eigenberg (4). Motion carried.

6. UPDATES REPORTS

a. Executive Order 22-02

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Alcohol-and-Drug-Counselor.aspx>.

Chiles provided an update on the current Executive Order, specifically relating to suspension of continuing education for renewal.

b. Discussion Relating to Developing a Jurisprudence Examination

Board members will submit questions to Chiles for collection and distribution to the Board for review at the next board meeting.

c. Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report

Robinson was not present to provide an update

d. **International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)**
<https://internationalcredentialing.org>

Robinson was not present to provide an update; Chiles discussed talking with IC & RC about changes to exam payment and updates on reciprocity.

e. **Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees:**

Reports were included as part of the meeting agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Colegrove announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022, and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Summarized by:
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator